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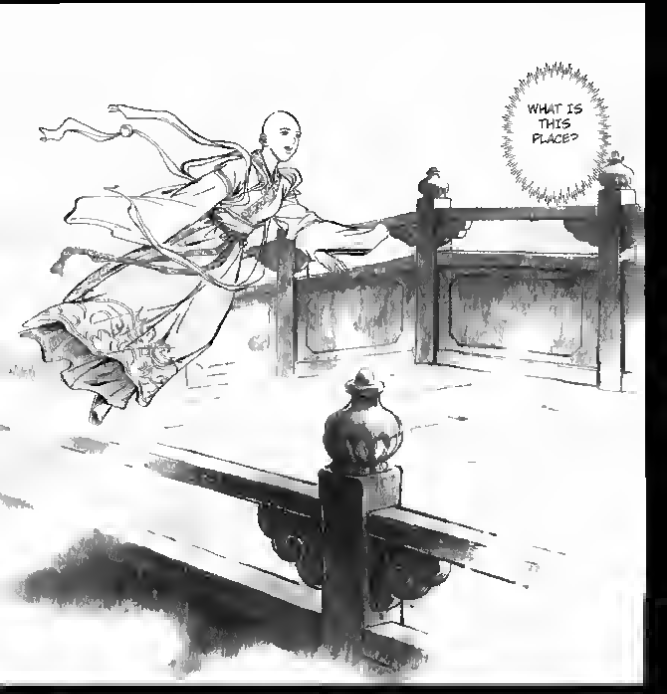
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

THESE CLOTHES LOOK REALLY PRETTY, LIKE SOMETHING A PRINCESS WOULD WEAR

YILIN SHI MEI!
LINGHU SHIGE!

YILIN
SHIMEI

YOU DIRTY LITTLE SWINE. YOU NOT ONLY DIDN'T FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE NUNNERY,

BUT DARED TO BE A PRINCESS. AND MIX YOURSELF UP WITH THIS LOAFER!

MASTER!

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BROTHER LINGHU!
NOOO!
WHAT'S WRONG? A NIGHT-MARE?

WHY DID I HAVE THAT KIND OF DREAM...?
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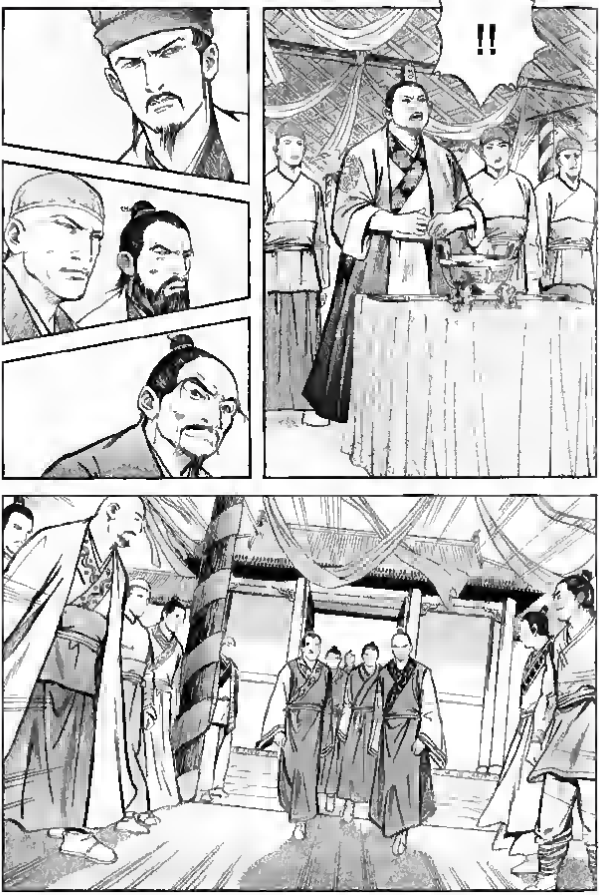
IT'S FINE! AS LONG AS YOUR WOUNDS ARE HEALING!
MY WOUNDS ARE FINE, THANKS TO YOUR MEDICINAL CREAM

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN REAL EXHAUSTED, HAVING TO CARE FOR ME AND ALL

I-I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHEN I FELL ASLEEP...

OH HEY. WHY NOT WE GO AND CATCH A COUPLE OF FISH RIGHT NOW?
OH COME ON, I'VE ONLY HAD WATER-MELONS FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS. I'M STARVING, AND YOU WANT ME TO GO VEGETARIAN FOR A YEAR OR TWO!
BROTHER LINGHU. IT'S ALL THANKS TO THE BUDDHA'S BLESSING THAT YOU MANAGED TO SURVIVE. SO IT'S BEST THAT YOU SHOULD SPEND A YEAR OR TWO BEING VEGETARIAN.
OK, OK, MY BAD.
PLEASE STOP WITH THE JOKES!
I CAN'T DO THAT! AS A NUN I'M AGAINST KILLING!
STILL, THIS PLACE IS BEAUTIFUL. MAKES FOR A GREAT SPOT TO RECUPERATE.

HOWEVER, TODAY IS MASTER LIU'S RETIREMENT CEREMONY. CAN'T MISS THE EXCITEMENT!
YOU HEAR ME? STOP AT ONCE!



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DISCIPLE OF MT SONG SECT

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DING MIEN OF THE
PAGODA-BEARING HAND
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THE HEAVENLY
CRANE HAND
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MT SONG
SECT 4TH
SHIDI
FEI BIN THE
GREAT LOFTY
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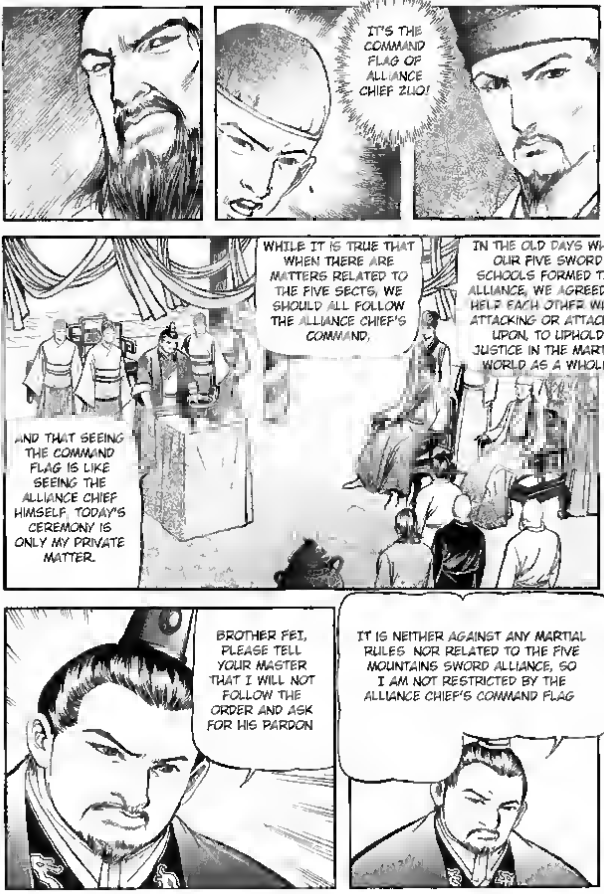
IF IT ISN'T MY FELLOW BROTHERS FROM MT SONG SECT!
MASTER LIU!
PLEASE TEMPORARILY POSTPONE THE CEREMONY!


IT'S THE COMMAND FLAG OF ALLIANCE CHIEF ZUO!
WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT WHEN THERE ARE MATTERS RELATED TO THE FIVE SECTS, WE SHOULD ALL FOLLOW THE ALLIANCE CHIEF'S COMMAND,
IN THE OLD DAYS WHEN OUR FIVE SWORD SCHOOLS FORMED THE ALLIANCE, WE AGREED TO HELP EACH OTHER WHEN ATTACKING OR ATTACKED UPON, TO UPHOLD JUSTICE IN THE MARTIAL WORLD AS A WHOLE
AND THAT SEEING THE COMMAND FLAG IS LIKE SEEING THE ALLIANCE CHIEF HIMSELF. TODAY'S CEREMONY IS ONLY MY PRIVATE MATTER.
BROTHER FEI, PLEASE TELL YOUR MASTER THAT I WILL NOT FOLLOW THE ORDER AND ASK FOR HIS PARDON
IT IS NEITHER AGAINST ANY MARTIAL RULES NOR RELATED TO THE FIVE MOUNTAINS SWORD ALLIANCE, SO I AM NOT RESTRICTED BY THE ALLIANCE CHIEF'S COMMAND FLAG

HE SAID THAT THE FIVE MOUNTAIN SWORD ALLIANCE ARE DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF THE SAME ROOT WE MEMBERS ARE LIKE BROTHERS TO EACH OTHER BY SENDING OUT THIS COMMAND FLAG WITH THE ORDER, HE WAS NOT ONLY TAKING THE INTER-SCHOOL RELATIONSHIP INTO CONSIDERATION, BUT ALSO TO UPHOLD THE JUSTICE IN THE MARTIAL WORLD AND FOR THE GOOD OF BROTHER LIU
OUR ZUO SHIGE URGED ME AGAIN AND AGAIN TO ASK YOU, BROTHER LIU, TO TEMPORARILY POSTPONE YOUR GOLD BASIN HAND WASHING CEREMONY

WHY DIDN'T HE STOP ME EARLIER, AND WAITED TILL NOW TO STOP ME WITH THE COMMAND FLAG?
I AM A BIT CONFUSED HERE. THE INVITATION FOR THE CEREMONY WAS SENT TO MT SONG WAY AHEAD OF TIME. A LONG LETTER WAS ALSO SENT TOGETHER TO BROTHER ZUO EXPLAINING EVERYTHING IN DETAIL. IF BROTHER ZUO REALLY HAD SUCH GOOD INTENTIONS

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OBVIOUSLY HE WANTS ME TO GO BACK ON MY WORDS IN FRONT OF ALL THE HEROES IN THE MARTIAL WORLD, SO I WOULD BE LAUGHED AT BY EVERY MARTIAL PEOPLE!

HEY, BACK OFF! WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

JING-ER?!

MT SONG SECT DISCIPLE
WAN DA PING
WHO DARES TO DISPLAY SUCH INSOLENCE TO MY DAUGHTER?
THE HELL YOU DOING?!
ANOTHER MT SONG SECT MEMBER?!
I AM MERELY FOLLOWING THE ALLIANCE CHIEF'S ORDER TO KEEP AN EYE ON LIU'S FAMILY MEMBERS AND NOT TO LET ANYONE GET AWAY!

WHY DON'T YOU ALL SHOW YOURSELVES NOW?
HOW MANY MT SONG DISCIPLES ARE HERE TODAY?

WE MT SONG SECT DISCIPLES PAY OUR RESPECTS TO MASTER LIU!

THEY'VE BROUGHT ONE HELL OF A NUMBER!

MASTER!
ZHENGFENG!
STOP MOVING AROUND!
FATHER!

IF I HAVE TO BEND MY WILL BECAUSE OF FORCE, MY REPUTATION WILL BE RUINED THEN WHY SHOULD I EVEN LIVE?
DEAR FRIENDS, LIU ZHENGFENG IS NOT SOMEONE WHO WOULD CLING OBSTINATELY TO HIS COURSE, BUT TODAY WITH SUCH INTIMIDATION FROM BROTHER ZUO
HOW PREPOSTEROUS! THIS IS TOO MUCH!
BROTHER ZUO WILL NOT ALLOW ME TO HAVE MY GOLD BASIN HAND WASHING? HMPF! MY HEAD CAN BE CUT OFF, BUT MY WILL CAN NOT BE BENT.

STOP!
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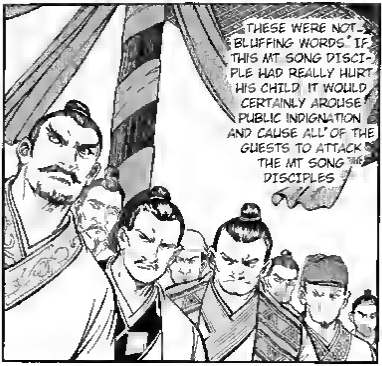
DI XIU
MT SONG SECT DISCIPLE
MASTER LIU, IF YOU DON'T STOP RIGHT NOW, I WILL HAVE TO KILL YOUR KID!

WITH SO MANY HEROES HERE TODAY IF YOU DARE TO TOUCH A SINGLE HAIR OF MY CHILD, ALL YOU DOZENS OF MT SONG DISCIPLES WILL BE GROUNDED INTO TEN THOUSAND PIECES BY MY OWN HANDS!


THESE WERE NOT BLUFFING WORDS. IF THIS MT SONG DISCIPLE HAD REALLY HURT HIS CHILD, IT WOULD CERTAINLY AROUSE PUBLIC INDIGNATION AND CAUSE ALL OF THE GUESTS TO ATTACK THE MT SONG DISCIPLES

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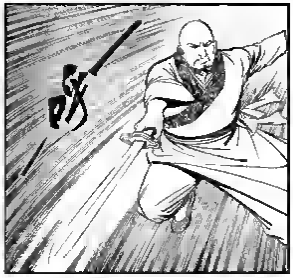
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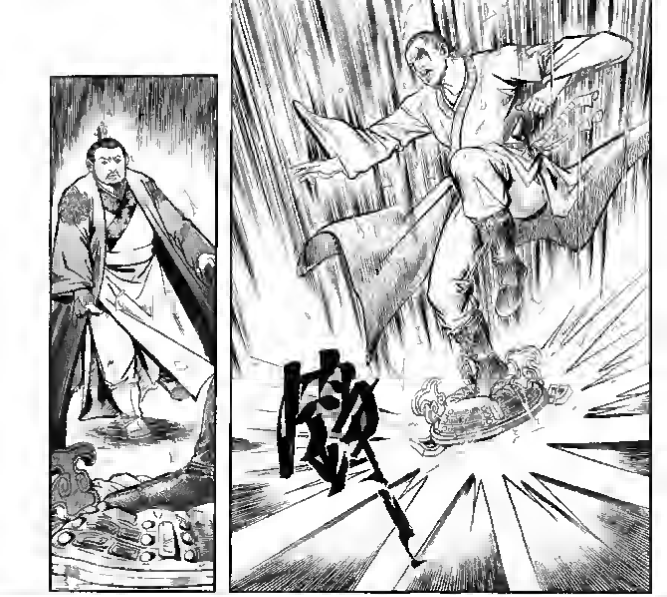
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SINCE THE GOLD BASIN HAD BEEN DESTROYED, THERE WAS NO WAY TO CONTINUE THE GOLD BASIN HAND WASHING CEREMONY. SHOULD HE FIGHT WITH ALL HIS MIGHT OR TEMPORARILY ENDURE HUMILIATION? LIU ZHENGFENG'S MIND WAS IN AN TURMOIL.
BROTHER LIU, I'VE ALREADY GOT ORDERS FROM THE ALLIANCE CHIEF TO NOT LET YOU HAVE YOUR GOLD BASIN HAND WASHING CEREMONY.

ALLIANCE CHIEF ZUO IS THROWING AROUND HIS WEIGHT TOO MUCH!
BROTHER LIU, DON'T WORRY. ALL THINGS IN THIS WORLD CANNOT GO AGAINST RIGHTEOUSNESS. EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE AN OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF PEOPLE, US FRIENDS FROM THE OTHER THREE SECTS IN THE ALLIANCE AREN'T GOING TO SIT BACK AND DO NOTHING!
THE MT. SONG SECT WOULD NEVER DARE TO OFFEND ANY ESTEEMED HEROES HERE TODAY!
WE ARE ONLY HERE TO REQ BROTHER LIU TO NOT CONDUCT HIS CEREMONY FOR THE SAKE OF THOUSANDS OF FELLOW MARTIAL PEOPLE'S LIVES!

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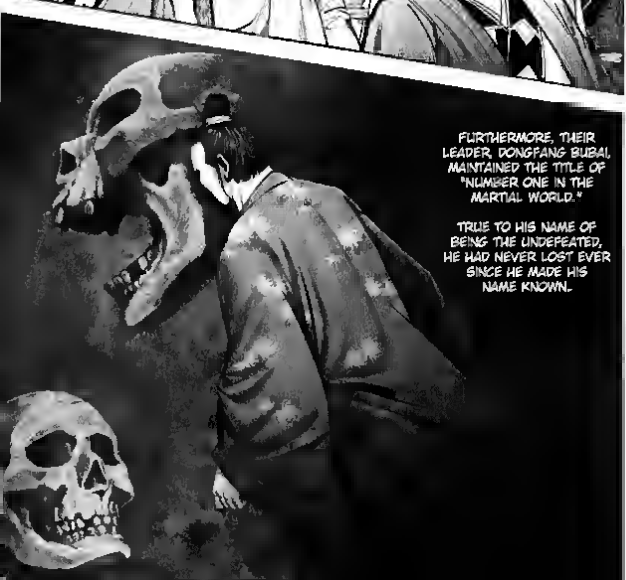
ALLIANCE CHIEF ZUO HAS ORDERED US TO INVESTIGATE WHAT SECRET COLLABORATION DOES BROTHER LIU HAVE WITH
HOW COULD MY MERE ACTION AFFECT THOUSANDS OF FELLOW MARTIAL PEOPLE'S LIVES?
THAT'S QUITE THE EXAGGERATION
TO ATTACK OUR FIVE MOUNTAINS SWORD ALLIANCE AND OTHER CHIVALROUS MARTIAL FELLOWS!
THE LEADER OF THE HERETIC CULT, DONGFANG BUBAI (THE UNDEFEATED OF THE EAST),
AND WHAT PLOT YOU ARE DEVELOPING

EVERYONE IN THE BIG HALL WAS GREATLY STUNNED BY THOSE WORDS. MANY COULD NOT HELP BUT UTTER A CRY OF SURPRISE. THE DEMONIC CULT WAS THE ULTIMATE ENEMY OF ALL THE FOLKS ON THE RIGHTEOUS SIDE OF THE MARTIAL WORLD. BOTH SIDES HAD BITTER ENMITY TRACING BACK TO A HUNDRED YEARS
AMONG THE THOUSAND OR SO PEOPLE IN THE BIG HALL, AT LEAST HALF OF THEM HAD OLD SCORES TO SETTLE WITH THE HERETICAL CULT. SOME LOST FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE FIGHTS, AND OTHERS LOST SENIOR MASTERS. EVERY TIME THE CULT'S NAME WAS MENTIONED, ALL WOULD BITE THEIR LIPS HARD WITH HATRED.
THE UNDEFEATED OF THE EAST?!


FURTHERMORE, THEIR LEADER, DONGFANG BUBAI, MAINTAINED THE TITLE OF "NUMBER ONE IN THE MARTIAL WORLD."
TRUE TO HIS NAME OF BEING THE UNDEFEATED, HE HAD NEVER LOST EVER SINCE HE MADE HIS NAME KNOWN.

SO WHEN EVERYONE HEARD FEI BIN CRITICIZING LIU ZHENG-FENG FOR COLLABO-RATING WITH THE DEMON CULT, THE SYMPATHY THEY HAD TOWARD LIU ZHENG-FENG EVAPORATED INSTANTLY.

BROTHER LIU, I'M AFRAID WHAT YOU JUST SAID MIGHT NOT BE ENTIRELY TRUE...

WHERE DID YOU GET THE IDEA OF THE SO-CALLED PLOTS?
I HAVE NEVER MET THE CULT'S LEADER DONGFANG BUBAI BEFORE IN MY WHOLE LIFE

THERE'S AN ELDER RANKED GUARDIAN MEMBER IN THE HERETICAL CULT. HIS NAME IS QU YANG. I WONDER IF BROTHER LIU KNOWS HIM?
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WILL BROTHER LIU PLEASE TELL US IN FRONT OF EVERYONE HERE, DO YOU KNOW QU YANG?
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MT SONG
ZUO LENG-CHAN'S SHIDI
TANG YIN'E
SHIGE, DING SHIGE AND THE REST
HMPH!
MUST HAVE MADE THEIR MOVE BY NOW

BE ENOUGH TO MANIPULATE HIM INTO DOING WHAT WE WANT?
WOULD REVEALING THINGS IN FRONT OF EVERYONE

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW HE'S GOING TO FIGHT BACK

HIS FATE WAS SEALED ON THE DAY

HE DECIDED TO BEFRIEND QU YANG AN ELDER OF THE HERETIC CULT!

THAT'S RIGHT! I NOT ONLY KNOW OF BROTHER QU YANG
BUT ALSO CONSIDER HIM MY BEST FRIEND!
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HE ACTUALLY DID HAVE TIES WITH SOME-ONE FROM THE HERETIC CULT?
WHAT?! NO WAY!
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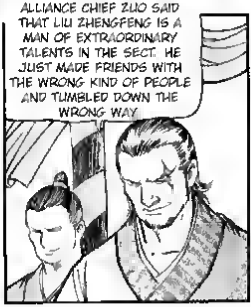
INSTANTLY, THE BIG HALL WAS TAKEN OVER BY UPROAR. THESE WORDS OF LIU ZHENG-FENG CAUGHT EVERY ONE BY SURPRISE. EVERYONE HAD THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD AT LEAST TRY TO DENY THE ALLEGATION OR ONLY ADMITTING THAT HE PROBABLY HAD MET QU YANG ONCE OR TWICE. NO ONE EXPECTED HIM TO CLAIM THAT THIS EVIL CULT'S ELDER WAS ACTUALLY HIS BEST FRIEND.

ALLIANCE CHIEF ZUO ASKED ME TO TAKE A MESSAGE TO BROTHER LIU, SLAY THE CULT'S ELDER GUARDIAN QU YANG WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH. ONCE YOU COME BACK WITH HIS HEAD, WE WILL ALL FORGET ABOUT THIS INCIDENT AND BE GOOD FRIENDS AND GOOD BROTHERS AGAIN!
WE, AS FRIENDS OF THE CHIVALROUS SIDE IN THE MARTIAL WORLD ONLY WANT TO HELP HIM, SO OF COURSE WE WILL GIVE HIM A WAY TO CORRECT HIS ERRORS.


ALLIANCE CHIEF ZUO SAID THAT LIU ZHENGFENG IS A MAN OF EXTRAORDINARY TALENTS IN THE SECT. HE JUST MADE FRIENDS WITH THE WRONG KIND OF PEOPLE AND TUMBLED DOWN THE WRONG WAY.

OTHERWISE WELL DON'T BLAME US IF WE HAVE TO RESORT TO RUTHLESS ACTIONS TO PREVENT THINGS FROM ESCALATING!

I THINK NO ONE PLAYS THE ZITHER BETTER THAN BROTHER QU, AND REGARDING FLUTE SKILLS I ALSO CONSIDER MYSELF NOT INFERIOR TO ANYONE ELSE.

MAYBE YOU DON'T BELIEVE THIS BUT IN THE ENTIRE WORLD TODAY,

FOR THE SAKE OF MUSIC HE IS AN EXPERT IN ZITHER, I LIKE TO PLAY THE BAMBOO FLUTE MOST OF THE TIMES WHEN WE GET TOGETHER, WE JUST PLAYED THE ZITHER AND FLUTE NEVER DISCUSSING ANYTHING RELATING TO MARTIAL ARTS

BROTHER QU AND I ALREADY FELT LIKE OLD FRIENDS WHEN WE FIRST MET I ONLY MADE FRIENDS WITH BROTHER QU

ALTHOUGH BROTHER QU IS MEMBER OF THE HERETICAL CULT, FROM THE MUSIC OF HIS ZITHER PLAY, I COULD TELL THAT HE HAD NOBLE CHARACTER AND THE BREADTH OF A MAN WITH INTEGRITY.

LIU ZHENGFENG NOT ONLY ADMIRES HIM, BUT ALSO LOOKS UP TO HIM ALTHOUGH I AM JUST A COARSE GUY, I WOULD NEVER AGREE TO HARM A GENTLEMAN LIKE HIM.

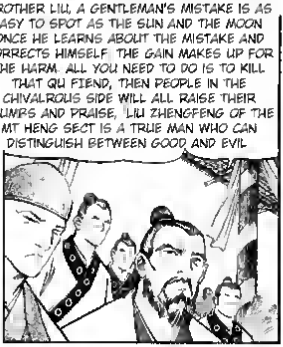
GETTING MORE AND MORE PROSPEROUS THESE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, AND MIGHT GROW INTO AN OPPONENT THEY CANNOT FIGHT. THAT IS WHY THEY ARE TRYING ALL KINDS OF UNDERHANDED TRICKS TO TRY TO HURT US BY SOWING DISCORD.
ALLIANCE CHIEF ZUO KNOWS THAT YOU MADE FRIENDS WITH THAT FIEND NAMED QU PURELY OUT OF YOUR PASSION FOR MUSIC. HOWEVER, CHIEF ZUO ADDS THAT THE CULT IS NOTORIOUS FOR UNSCRUPULOUS THEY ARE. THEY KNOW THAT OUR ALLIANCE IS

BROTHER LIU! PLEASE WAKE UP! DON'T YOU REMEMBER HOW MANY PEOPLE ON OUR SIDE HAD BEEN SLAIN BY THOSE DEMONS? DON'T YOU SEE THAT YOU HAVE FALLEN INTO EVIL'S TRAP?

THEY TEMPT SOME WITH GOLD AND TREASURE. OTHERS WITH BEAUTIFUL WOMEN. BROTHER LIU HERE HAS BEEN A MAN OF INTEGRITY, SO THEY SENT QU YANG TO WORK YOU WITH MUSIC.

THE TERROR OF THE DEMONIC CULT WAS LESS DUE TO THEIR MARTIAL ARTS SKILLS AND MORE BECAUSE OF THEIR VARIOUS CUNNING SCHEMES AND DEADLY PLOTS.

THAT'S RIGHT! BROTHER FEI HAS A POINT.


BROTHER LIU, A GENTLEMAN'S MISTAKE IS AS EASY TO SPOT AS THE SUN AND THE MOON. ONCE HE LEARNS ABOUT THE MISTAKE AND CORRECTS HIMSELF, THE GAIN MAKES UP FOR THE HARM. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS TO KILL THAT QU FIEND, THEN PEOPLE IN THE CHIVALROUS SIDE WILL ALL RAISE THEIR THUMBS AND PRAISE, 'LIU ZHENGFENG OF THE MT. HENG SECT IS A TRUE MAN WHO CAN DISTINGUISH BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL.'

YOU CAN KILL QU YANG THE DEVIL WITH A SINGLE BLOW AND THAT'LL BE IT!
BROTHER LIU, YOU ARE A MAN OF INTEGRITY. IT'S ALL RIGHT THAT YOU GOT TRICKED BY AN EVIL VILLAIN.

BROTHER YUE, YOU ARE A GENTLEMAN AND A SCHOLAR. MANY OF THE MASTERS HERE ARE FORCING ME TO SELL OUT MY FRIEND. WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

BROTHER LIU, IF HE WERE A TRUE FRIEND, THEN WE MARTIAL PEOPLE WOULDN'T EVEN FROWN IF WE HAVE TO DIE FOR FRIENDS. BUT THAT QU OF THE HERETICAL CULT OBVIOUSLY HAS EVIL INTENT BEHIND HIS SMILES.
WITH HONEY ON HIS LIPS, HE REALLY HAS MURDER IN HIS HEART WHEN HE CLAIMS TO BEFRIEND YOU IN THE NAME OF ENJOYING MUSIC. THIS KIND OF ENEMY IS THE EVILEST KIND. HIS OBJECT IS TO BRING DISGRACE AND RUIN UPON YOU AND DESTROY YOUR FAMILY.
IF EVEN FAMILY CAN BE DISREGARDED WHY CANNOT SUCH A BIG DEVIL AND A BIG VILLAIN THAT SHOULD HAVE NEVER BE CONSIDERED AS A FRIEND BE DISREGARDED?
IN HISTORY, THERE WERE MANY EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE PLACING RIGHTEOUSNESS ABOVE FAMILY LOYALTY.
IF SUCH A PERSON CAN STILL BE CALLED A FRIEND, THEN ISN'T IT A DISGRACE TO THE DEFINITION OF "FRIEND"?

ONE SHOULD STRIKE DOWN WITH NO MERCY. WHY RESTRICT ONESELF WITH THE CODE OF HONOR?
WITH FRIENDS ONE OF COURSE SHOULD CONSIDER THE CODE OF HONOR, BUT WITH ENEMIES...
WELL SAID, MR YUE!
IN THE ALLIANCE ON ONE SIDE AND A GOOD FRIEND ON THE OTHER SIDE. THAT'S WHY I CAME UP WITH THIS DUMB IDEA TO HAVE MY GOLD BASIN HAND WASHING CEREMONY TO TELL EVERYONE IN THE MARTIAL WORLD THAT LIU ZHENGFENG WOULD BE LEAVING THE MARTIAL WORLD AND NEVER BE INVOLVED IN ANY OF THE FEUDS EVER AGAIN
AT THE VERY BEGINNING WHEN I DECIDED TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH BROTHER QU, I HAD EXPECTED SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO HAPPEN. I KNEW THAT THERE WILL BE A BIG FIGHT BETWEEN OUR ALLIANCE AND THE DEMONIC CULT. ONCE THE FIGHT BREAKS OUT, THERE WILL BE FELLOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS
BUYING THIS TINY GOVERNMENT POST WAS JUST A WAY TO DISGRACE MYSELF AND HIDE MY TRUE INTENTIONS. BUT ALLIANCE CHIEF ZUO IS CERTAINLY RESOURCEFUL. THIS MOVE OF MINE SIMPLY COULD NOT FOOL HIM...

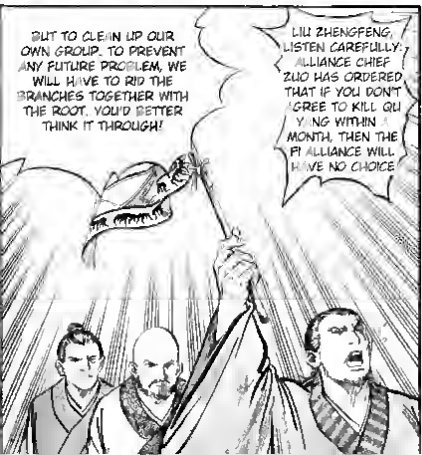
ALL I WANT IS TO STAY AWAY FROM THE BLOODSHED, AND LIVE MY REMAINING YEARS IN A QUIET PLACE PLAYING THE FLUTE AND TEACHING SOME KIDS JUST LIKE AN AVERAGE LAW ABIDING CITIZEN. I THINK THIS WISH OF MINE DOES NOT VIOLATE THE ALLIANCE TREATY.
BROTHER QU HAD VOWED TO THE ANCESTORS OF THE DEMON CULT A WHILE BACK, PROMISING THAT NO MATTER HOW THE DEMON CULT FIGHTS WITH THE CHIVALROUS SIDE HE WOULD ALWAYS STAY OUT OF IT AND NEVER INTERFERE AS LONG AS NO ONE ATTACKS HIM, HE WILL NOT ATTACK ANYONE!
IF EVERYONE THINKS LIKE YOU DO, AND DESERT ON THE EVE OF A BATTLE THEN DO WE JUST LET THE DEMON CULT CONTROL THE MARTIAL WORLD? AND WHY THEN WHY DID THAT QU FIEND NOT STAY OUT OF EVERYTHING AS WELL?

HUH, HOW WONDERFUL! WHAT IF SOMEONE FROM THE CHIVALROUS SIDE DOES ATTACK HIM?

IN FACT, JUST THIS MORNING BROTHER QU SENT ME A MESSAGE SAYING THAT MT HUA SECT'S DISCIPLE LINGHU CHONG WAS WOUNDED TERRIBLY BY OTHERS AND WAS ON THE VERGE OF DYING IT WAS HIM WHO TOOK THE INITIATIVE AND SAVED LINGHU CHONG
BROTHER QU SAID THAT HE WOULD TRY HIS BEST TO ENDURE AND NEVER FIGHT ANYONE FOR FAME AND VICTORY HE WOULD EVEN TRY HIS BEST TO MEND THE GAP OF MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES

WHEN YOU SEE THE YOUNG LAD LINGHU LATER, YOU CAN ASK HIM YOURSELF
IF BROTHER QU SAID SO THEN OF COURSE IT'S TRUE
MASTER LIU, WHERE IS DASHIGE? IS IT REALLY THAT
THAT MISTER QU WHO SAVED HIS LIFE?"
BROTHER LIU, I ASK YOU: ARE YOU REALLY ARE DETERMINED TO NOT KILL QU YANG THAT FIEND?
WHAT'S SO STRANGE ABOUT THAT? DEMON CULT MEMBERS ALWAYS TRY TO FOMENT DISCORD USING ANY MEANS THEY COULD GET THEIR HANDS ON

IF ALLIANCE CHIEF ZUO HAS GIVEN YOU THE ORDER, THEN DO IT. GO AHEAD KILL MY ENTIRE FAMILY!


LIU ZHENGFENG, LISTEN CAREFULLY: ALLIANCE CHIEF ZUO HAS ORDERED THAT IF YOU DON'T AGREE TO KILL QU YING WITHIN A MONTH, THEN THE FI ALLIANCE WILL HAVE NO CHOICE
BUT TO CLEAN UP OUR OWN GROUP. TO PREVENT ANY FUTURE PROBLEM, WE WILL HAVE TO RID THE BRANCHES TOGETHER WITH THE ROOT. YOU'D BETTER THINK IT THROUGH!

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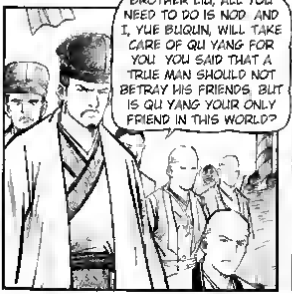
THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW THE ALLIANCE CHIEF'S ORDER PLEASE STAND TO THE LEFT!


BROTHER LIU, ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS NOD AND I, YUE BUQUN, WILL TAKE CARE OF QU YANG FOR YOU. YOU SAID THAT A TRUE MAN SHOULD NOT BETRAY HIS FRIENDS. BUT IS QU YANG YOUR ONLY FRIEND IN THIS WORLD?

MT TAI SECT HAS ALWAYS DRAWN A CLEAR LINE AGAINST THE EVIL HERETICS!

DON'T THE LIVES OF YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY... AS WELL AS YOUR FRIENDS IN THE ORTHODOX MARTIAL ART SCHOOLS OUTWEIGH THIS ONE SINGLE QU YANG?
AREN'T PEOPLE IN OUR FIVE MOUNTAINS SWORD ALLIANCE AND MANY OTHER PEOPLE HERE TODAY YOUR FRIENDS TOO? THE THOUSANDS OF FELLOW MARTIAL ARTISTS HERE TRAVELED LONG WAYS TO CONGRATULATE YOU SINCERELY WHEN THEY HEARD YOU WERE HAVING YOUR CEREMONY. THEY'VE SHOWN THEIR FRIENDSHIP

IF BROTHER QU HAS EVER EVEN MENTIONED ABOUT PLOTTING AGAINST ANY FRIEND OF MINE IN THE ALLIANCE I WOULD HAVE LOOKED DOWN UPON HIS CHARACTER AND NOT CONSIDER HIM A FRIEND
JUST LIKE IF SOMEONE FORCES ME TO KILL YOU, BROTHER YUE OR ANY MY FRIENDS HERE I WOULD NEVER AGREE EVEN IF MY ENTIRE FAMILY WOULD BE WIPED OUT AS THE CONSEQUENCE IT'S TRUE THAT BROTHER QU IS A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, BUT BROTHER YUE IS ALSO A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE
I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ADVICE AND YOUR GOOD WORDS. I WON'T AGREE TO OTHERS FORCING ME TO KILL QU YANG.
JUST FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR INTEREST IN MUSIC, GIVING YOUR WHOLEHEARTED DEVOTION TO HIM IS A TERRIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE DEFINITION OF 'CAMARADERIE'
THE DEMONIC CULT COMMITTED COUNTLESS NUMBER OF CRIMES AND HARMED MANY GOOD AND INNOCENT PEOPLE.
YOUR WILLING OF CAMARADERIE IS VERY ADMIRABLE, BUT YOU DID NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL OR RIGHT AND WRONG.

A PERSON CAN LIE WITH WORDS BUT THE SOUND OF FLUTE OR ZITHER IS DIRECTLY FROM ONE'S HEART AND CAN'T LIE. BROTHER QU AND I HAVE PLAYED THE FLUTE AND ZITHER TOGETHER.

BROTHER YUE, YOU DON'T PLAY ANY INSTRUMENT THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ME HERE.

WE FULLY UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER WHOLEHEARTEDLY. I CAN GUARANTEE YOU WITH MY LIFE AND MY REPUTATION THAT ALTHOUGH BROTHER QU IS A MEMBER OF THE EVIL CULT, HE HIMSELF DOES NOT HAVE ANY TRACE OF EVIL OF THE CULT!

SIGH!

STARTING FROM NOW ON, SHOULD I CALL YOU BROTHER LIU OR LIU ZHENGFENG?

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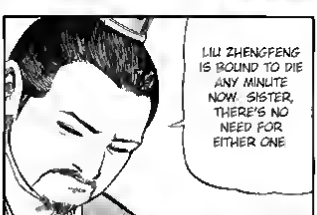

LIU ZHENGFENG IS BOUND TO DIE ANY MINUTE NOW. SISTER, THERE'S NO NEED FOR EITHER ONE

THE DEMON HAS ADDED MORE CRIMES INTO THE WORLD. WHAT A SIN. WHAT A SIN!

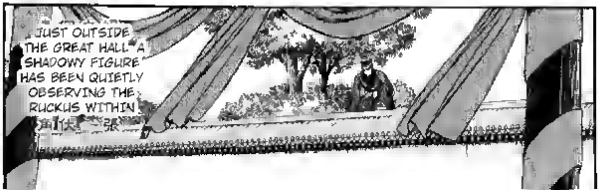
WE VALUE THE GRACE OF OUR MASTER. WE WILL NEVER BETRAY HIM. WE AS DISCIPLES OF THE LIU CLAN WILL ALWAYS BE WITH OUR BELOVED MASTER, DEAD OR ALIVE!

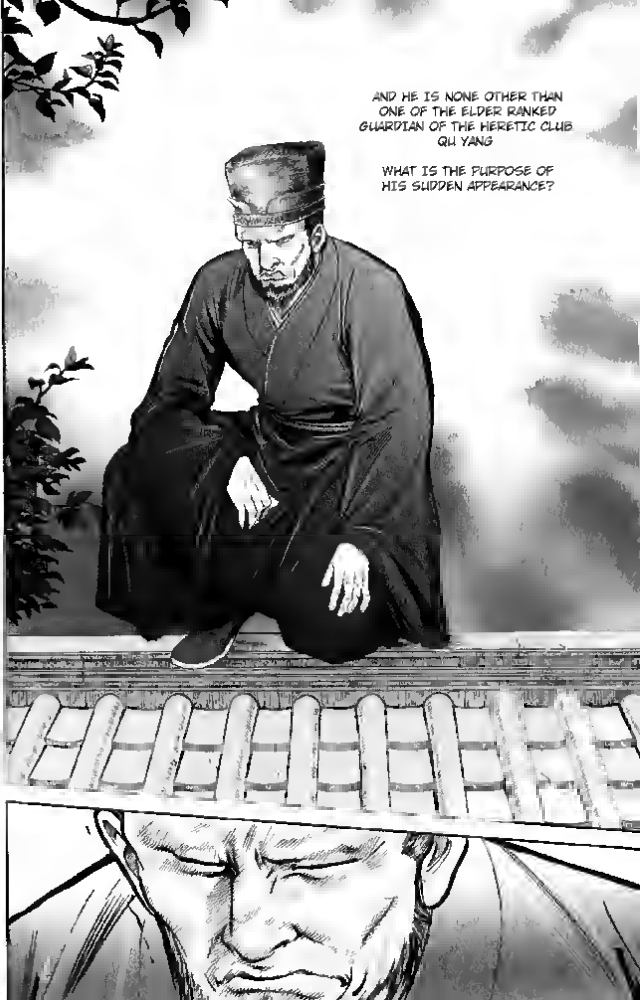
THIS IS THE PERSONAL MATTER OF LIU ZHENG-FENG IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH OTHER PEOPLE SOUTH HENG SECT DISCIPLE UNDER THE LIU CLAN, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO FOLLOW THE TRAITOR, YOU CAN STAND TO THE LEFT SIDE TOO!

WHY DON'T YOU ALL WALK OVER TO THAT SIDE? IT WAS I YOUR MASTER, WHO MADE THE FRIEND. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY OF YOU!
GOOD. GOOD! DAIMAN, YOUR WORDS ARE ALREADY GREAT COMFORTS FOR YOUR MASTER.

WHOEVER WANTS TO HARM MY MASTER HAS TO KILL ME FIRST!

GARGH!


JUST OUTSIDE THE GREAT HALL A SHADOWY FIGURE HAS BEEN QUIETLY OBSERVING THE RUCKUS WITHIN.


AND HE IS NONE OTHER THAN ONE OF THE ELDER RANKED GUARDIAN OF THE HERETIC CLUB QU YANG
WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF HIS SUDDEN APPEARANCE?
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